



## Birders Rendezvous ~ June 1 & 2 ~ 2007

### Rendezvous with the Birds!

Welcome to the 8th Annual Birders Rendezvous. Whether you are a beginner or experienced birder (or somewhere in between) we have something for you!

Voyageurs National Park is home to over 240 species of birds. Here, where northern hardwoods meet the boreal forest you will find some of the greatest diversity of breeding species and wood warblers north of Mexico.

Sign up for one activity, a full day or the entire weekend. Scheduled activities include field trips with expert birders and guided boat tours that will take you into the heart of the park.

Space is limited, so early registration is strongly recommended. Programs fill on a first- come, first- served basis. Each activity provides a unique experience. Enjoy!



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### Kayaking on Rainy Lake ~ Saturday, June 2, 1 ~ 4 p.m.

Voyageurs National Park is proud to announce that they have partnered with Boreal Explorations to bring you kayaking on Rainy Lake.

### ~Keynote Speaker~ Jim Williams

Join Jim Williams, nature writer and bird photographer, for an evening photographic presentation on Minnesota birds, including many of the state's less common species.

Jim has been birding for over 50 years, taking many beautiful photos of some of the most unusual species. In the spring of 2006, Jim traveled to the Necedah Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin to photograph a wild whooping crane family raising the first chick in the eastern United States in almost 100 years. Come see the photos!

Voyageurs National Park was established by an act of Congress in 1971 to preserve, for the enjoyment of present and future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions and waterway system which constituted a part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the northwestern United States.

### Bird Species Spotted at the 2003 ~ 2006 Rendezvous

*Alder Flycatcher	*Hermit Thrush
*American Bittern	*Herring Gull
*American Crow	*Hooded Merganser
*American Goldfinch	*Kill Deer
*American Redstart	*Least Flycatcher
*American Robin	*Magnolia Warbler
*American White Pelican	*Mallard
*Bald Eagle	*Marsh Wren
*Belted Kingfisher	*Mourning Warbler
*Black- and- white Warbler	*Nashville Warbler
*Blackburnian Warbler	*Northern Flicker
*Black- capped Chickadee	*Northern Oriole
*Black- throated Green Warbler	*Northern Parula
*Blue Jay	*Ovenbird
*Blue- headed Vireo	*Pileated Woodpecker
*Blue- winged Teal	*Pine Warbler
*Broad- winged Hawk	*Purple Finch
*Brown Creeper	*Red- breasted Nuthatch
*Brown- headed Cowbird	*Red- eyed Vireo
*Canada Goose	*Red- winged Blackbird
*Canada Warbler	*Ring- billed Gull
*Cape May Warbler	*Ring- necked Duck
*Cedar Waxwing	*Rose- breasted Grosbeak
*Chestnut- sided Warbler	*Ruby- crowned Kinglet
*Chipping Sparrow	*Ruby- throated Hummingbird
*Common Goldeneye	*Ruffed Grouse
*Common Grackle	*Song Sparrow
*Common Loon	*Spotted Sandpiper
*Common Merganser	*Swamp Sparrow
*Common Raven	*Tennessee Warbler
*Common Yellow- throat	*Tree Swallow
*Double- crested Cormorant	*Turkey Vulture
*Downy Woodpecker	*Veery
*Eastern Kingbird	*Warbling Vireo
*Eastern Phoebe	*Western Palm Warbler
*Eastern Wood- pewee	*White- breasted Nuthatch
*European Starling	*White- throated Sparrow
*Evening Grosbeak	*Winter Wren
*Gray Catbird	*Wood Duck
*Great Blue Heron	*Yellow Warbler
*Great Crested Flycatcher	*Yellow- bellied Sapsucker
*Hairy Woodpecker	*Yellow- rumped Warbler
	*Yellow- throated Vireo



# Schedule of Events

~Friday, June 1, 2007~

## Registration

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center, see registration insert page for more details.

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(for your own records)

## Rock Walk

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Chris Hemsted

Did you know the rocks in Voyageurs National Park tell stories of a region beset by the slow moving and shifting of continents, towering volcanic mountains, the opening and closing of ancient ocean basins, and finally the last of the great ice ages. Join geologist Chris Hemstad of Boreal Explorations EcoAdventures for a hike on the Oberholtzer trail to witness ancient ocean sediments intruded by granitic magma and glacial erratics. Registration requested.

Free

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## Birders Social

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Enjoy scrumptious desserts while getting to know fellow birders. Registration requested. *Sponsored by the Friends of Voyageurs National Park.*

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## Keynote Speaker ~ Jim Williams, (*Birds of Minnesota*)

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Join Jim for an evening of viewing his renowned photographs of the many different birds of Minnesota and Wisconsin, including the first whooping crane chick to hatch in the Eastern United States in nearly 100 years. Registration requested. *Sponsored in part by Voyageurs National Park Association and the International Falls, Ranier & Rainy Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau.*

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~Saturday, June 2, 2007~

### Morning Activities

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## Birding Along the Oberholtzer Trail

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Oberholtzer Trail ~ Ahlan Johanson

This trail skirts the Black Bay marshland, loops through a mixed deciduous and coniferous forest and elevates to a mature pine forest where brown creepers, ovenbirds, northern parula, golden winged and magnolia warblers, pileated woodpeckers and American bitterns have been observed. You may hear the call of the common loon or view a flock of American white pelicans. Ahlan will teach you techniques and tips for spotting and hearing birds. The Oberholtzer Trail is handicap accessible the first 1/4 mile. Coffee provided. Minimum & maximum number of participants is 5 & 12. *For the beginning or intermediate birder.*

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## Birding at Tilson Creek

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Tilson Creek Trail ~ Jim Williams

Join Keynote Speaker Jim Williams for a breathtaking hike on the Tilson Creek Trail, which winds through an upland habitat of rocky outcrops and down to lowland environments. Overviews of Tilson Bay are available with the opportunity to spot black - backed 3 toed woodpeckers and more than 15 species of warblers. Maximum number of participants is 12. Coffee Provided. *For the intermediate or advanced birder.*

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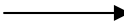
## Warbler & Rookery Watch

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Echo Bay Trail ~ Lee Grim

Hike with Lee on the Echo Bay Trail where you will view an active great blue heron rookery. You will be able to see, hear and watch the herons in their nesting territories. The trail traverses by a large beaver flowage through big pines with a mix of upland and lowland vegetation. You have the opportunity to view many different warblers, such as the northern parula warbler, a variety of flycatchers, and the northern waterthrush. Lee will help you make connections between species and their habitats. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the intermediate or advanced birder.*

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More Saturday Morning Activities 

# ~Saturday, June 2, 2007~

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### Birding Hot Spots on Rainy Lake

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Chris Holbeck

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Board a park boat and tour several birding locations on Rainy Lake. You will have the opportunity to observe a cormorant rookery, gull colony and possibly waterfowl in wetland habitats. Learn about the effects of human pressures on breeding birds and the tolerance of some species to human presence. Coffee provided. *For the beginning, intermediate or advanced birder.* Minimum & maximum number of participants is 5.

### Birding on the Vermilion Gorge Trail

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Crane Lake Ranger Station ~ Dee Kuder

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Meet at the Crane Lake Ranger Station and hike the Vermilion River Gorge Trail. You will pass the river and rapids while viewing aquatic bird species associated with the rivers of Crane Lake. Hike through pine forests with scenic outcrops of Lac LaCroix granite. View a variety of warblers and many breeding birds of the boreal forest. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the beginning or intermediate birder.*

### Walking Tour

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ National Park Service Staff

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Enjoy a leisurely walk around the grounds of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and find out more about Minnesota's only National Park!

## Afternoon Activities

### Lunch ~ Catered by Grandma's Pantry in Ranier

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Non- Vegetarian meal: wild rice soup, turkey or ham croissant sandwich, dessert and beverage. Vegetarian meal: corn chowder soup, egg salad croissant sandwich, dessert and beverage.

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### Canoeing Along the Shores of Black Bay

1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Charlotte Klesman

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Join park volunteer Charlotte Klesman for a leisurely canoe trip along the shores of Black Bay. No experience needed. Equipment provided. Maximum number of participants is 11.

### Wildflower Walk

1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m., Nelson's Resort ~ Shelly Ward

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Meet at Nelson's Resort for a leisurely afternoon of looking at wildflowers. This trail winds through the boreal forest to an active beaver pond. Maximum number of participants is 15.

### Kayaking on Rainy Lake

1:00p.m. ~ 4:00p.m., DNR Boat Launch ~ Island View ~ Chris Hemsted

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The grace and beauty of kayaking allow one to glide silently along shorelines that are abound with bird life. Join Chris for an afternoon paddle along the shores and wooded islands of Voyageurs National Park.

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Spend the first hour learning about kayaking and essential paddle strokes, then set out to explore back bays in search of birds. Minimum number of participants is 4, maximum is 8. Equipment provided, but you may bring your own ~ fee reduced.

## Evening Activities

### Kettle Falls Cruise

3:30 ~ 9:00 p.m., Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center ~ Mike Williams

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Join Captain Mike Williams on a voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. After a pleasant 2 hour cruise, arrive with another 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Fee does not include meals. Minimum number of participants is 10, maximum 15.